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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-178614, published on June 30, 1998, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-130701, published on May 21, 1996, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed Abstracts. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,233, to Takafumi UENO, filed on March 12, 1999 and entitled "Digital Data Transmission Method, Digital Data Transmission Device and Digital Data Reception Device".

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, Applicant will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Hiroshi FURUYAMA

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